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Fake universities

1443. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of self-styled fake 'universities/vishwavidyalayas' are functioning in the country, in contravention of the provisions of the UGC Act;

(b) whether it is also a fact that these fake universities are giving advertisements in newspapers for award of degrees;

(c) if so, what are the names of these fake 'universities/ vishwavidyalayas' and the places from where they are functioning and since when; and

(d) what action Government have taken against those fake 'universities/vishwavidyalayas', prohibiting them from the illegal activities?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. As per information received from the University Grants Commission (UGC), the list of self-styled fake universities/vishwavidyalayas functioning in the country in contravention of the provisions of UGC Act is appended in the "Statement. (See below). So far, the UGC. has come across the advertisement given by Bharatiya Shiksha Parishad, U.P., Lucknow for award of degrees.

Court cases have already been instituted against some of the fake institutions like the Commercial University Ltd., Daryaganj, Delhi, the Bharatiya Shiksha Parishad, U.P., Lucknow and the Varanaseya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi/Jagatpuri, Delhi for their closure.

The Minister for Human Resource Development, has also written to all the Chief Ministers of the States to keep a strict vigil over such

educational institutions and prosecute the offenders under the provisions of UGC Act and other penal laws including the Indian Penal Code.

Statement

List of fake universities/institutions

1. Maithili University/Vishwavidyalaya, Darbhanga, Bihar
2. Commercial University Ltd., New Delhi
3. Delhi Vishwa Vidyapeeth, 233, Tagore Park, Model Town, Delhi-110009.
4. United Nations University, Delhi
5. Vocational University, Delhi
6. Badaganvi Sarkar World Open University Education Society, Gokak, Belgaum (Karnataka)
7. St. John's University, Kishanattam, Kerala
8. Raja Arabic University, Nagpur, Maharashtra
9. Kesarwani Vidyapith, Jabalpur (M.P.)
10. D.D.B. Sanskrit University, Putur, Trichi, Tamil Nadu
11. Mahila Gram Vidyapith/Vishwavidyalaya, (Women's University) Prayag, Allahabad (U.P.)
12. *Varanaseya Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya, Varanasi (U.P.)
13. Indian Education Council of U.P., Lucknow (U.P.)
14. Gandhi Hindi Vidyapith, Prayag, Allahabad (U.P.)
15. National University of Electro Complex Homoeopathy, Kanpur, (U.P.)
16. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose University (Open University), Achaltal, Aligarh, (U.P.)
17. Uttar Pradesh Vishwavidyalaya, Kosi Kalan, Mathura (U.P.)
18. Maharana Pratap Shiksha Niketan Vishwavidyalaya, Pratapgarh (U.P.)
19. Bhartiya Shiksha Parishad. Lucknow (U.P.)

†Varanaseya Sanskrit 'Vishwavidyalaya is also being operated from Jagatpuri, Delhi.